

CLOAKMAKERS' STRIKE'S COST

WOMEN BUYERS NOW PAYING IT AND THEY DON'T LIKE IT.

General Advance of From Ten to Twelve and One-half Per Cent. in Price of Garments New Rules Have Kept Stock Depleted Shoppers Pay High.

Ladies, will you make your own cloaks now? Or will you have them made at your homes instead of buying them at the shops? Or will you pay the advanced prices that you who are shoppers have all seen in the very much restricted stocks of tailorable goods which latterly you have been able to inspect in the greater and the lesser stores alike in the metropolis?

If you elect to make them at home you will justify once more that wonderful Providence which moves in a mysterious way its wonders to perform, for one of the demands which the cloakmakers won in their recent long strike in this city was that there should be "no home labor." Neither shall there be more than two hours overtime work, according to the terms of settlement of the strike.

And the result of it all, with the specific increase in wages, is that all the ladies' cloaks, the coats and skirts which are to be found those days in the stores are much higher in price than they were last season or even than the corresponding goods of last spring. The cost of living for the cloaked ladies, as for the uncloaked, is nowadays ever onward, it seems.

The fall shopping has only just begun and yet the women folk, acute in their peculiar preserve, have discovered promptly and declared the ills just spoken of.

"Here we traverse the heart of the metropolis," they have said to THE SUN, "the metropolis of this whole glorious country, in search of outer attire and we find that stocks are short, are limited or incomplete, and that prices are 'way up, what about it?"

THE SUN endeavored yesterday afternoon to find out what about it. Its reporter found, alas, the tale too true.

Like that early immaculate financier who first gave the world paper money, in bringing the green back to Noah, the messenger returned with the news that it was money, the question of money, that was writ on the face of the waters, mere vulgar but unmistakable money that caused the shoppers tears to flood; not money that the shopkeepers wanted to get out of them to put into their own till, but money that must be passed on to the cloakmakers lately on strike. In Fifth Avenue and Broadway and Thirty-fourth street and the other cross-town shopping streets the story was the same. There was no argument. "We admit it," said the tradesmen.

And here is the way that collectively they talked:

"The cloakmakers were on strike for more than two months. They have resumed work with the proviso that not only shall they receive higher wages but that they shall not work more than two hours overtime and that there shall be no home work. In the first place those lost two months will never be made up, can never be made up. It matters not that we have not recognized the union. Why, there were times, busy times, when we said to ambitious workers, 'When do you sleep?' and were answered cheerfully and happily. After the first of July."

The workers were busily early turning out the fall styles. Then orders were given and throughout the breadth of the land people were enabled to know early what styles would prove acceptable and the orders could be repeated, duplicated, the acceptable many times repeated.

"The strike sent everything back Orders from the West were countermanded and those from the East, where no body really knew what was going on. And do you know those cloakmakers were getting more than college people are getting? They were going out of here many of them, with \$25, \$30 or \$35 a week.

Now that they are up as high as \$35 there is no telling what they are coming in."

But with the strike was on no goods were made up.

It was primarily a strike of what you might call reparations, but its effects were broader than that, would indicate.

For example, the special order workers of one of the largest shops in the city were forced out because the repairing of clothes had been taken over by the special order workers who were doing the repairers' work.

We learned, for instance, of the unions holding up a putter up of curtains even, charging him with doing cloakmakers' repairing or making, and he had to give his shirtwaist men a raise.

And you know it wasn't gowns that were affected, they are made by women and didn't figure in the strike. It was cloaks, coats and skirts.

"Well, with the goods held up while the strike was on there could of course be no such stock on hand now for the fall trade as is customary. It takes perhaps a fortnight from the cutter's knife to the shop where the customers may see the goods. But more than that this is not a business wherein there is any profit in holding up the goods for a day or two after the new term has expired, and will serve for the full term of three years."

that they can do so successfully they will strike, as a matter of fact there has been circulating a rumor among the workers that earlier next month, indeed, in the first week in October, the special order men will go out. That will mean that the men who are making up suits to order will strike as did those who lately were on the big strike.

What about it? What about until the time comes? Really, we are not looking for that strike and do not expect it. It is only as has been said before, that the situation is such that all must expect something that the delegates feel it possible to bring about. It ought to be emphasized, however, that stories of a 50 per cent increase in the cost of a suit to order are exaggerated greatly, for 10 per cent to 12 per cent represents in a general way the height of the advance. Indeed, in many instances there is no advance at all for if the increased cost is only, say, about a dollar on garments which have sold at a fair profit heretofore the retail price has not been advanced at all, the retail stores standing that loss.

DOWNTAIRS AT GROVE STREET.

Jersey City Mayor's Veto Overridden by Street and Water Board.

The Jersey City Street and Water Board at its meeting yesterday afternoon passed over Mayor H. Otto Wittgen's veto, an ordinance giving the Hudson and Manhattan Railroad Company permission to establish at Grove street an entrance to the Grove-Henderson street tunnel station. The veto to override was unanimous.

The ordinance must be advertised for five days before it becomes operative and the tunnel stairway will be open for public use on Saturday afternoon.

Wilbur C. Fisk, vice-president of the tunnel company, sent a letter to the board yesterday explaining that the company believed the ends of First and Menses streets had been vacated by the city before it fenc'd in the plot as a storage yard.

He regretted that the city had ignored the original status of the street property and asked permission to use the land for a period of six months at a rental of \$100 a month.

The street and water commissioners will probably grant the desired permission, the payment of rent to date from the time of occupancy.

EUROPEAN BANKERS COMING

See Our Possible the Guarantee of American Cotton Bills of Lading.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—Treasury Department officials announced to-day that a number of European bankers are coming to the United States this fall to effect if possible a solution of the question of the non-acceptance by European banks of American cotton bills of lading. Since the autumn of this year will be worth about \$500,000,000, and since Europe will take a large part of it, a settlement of the question is desired both here and abroad.

Some months ago several banks in Liverpool which held bills of lading for cotton obtained through American bankers found that some of the papers had been forged. Shortly thereafter notice was given by European bankers that after October 31 they would not accept American cotton bills of lading unless guaranteed. National banks in the United States had attempted to secure the permission of the Currency Lawrence O. Murray to a guarantee by them of such bills of lading.

Mr. Hughes has refused the request and in consequence the foreign bankers are coming over to see if they cannot find a way out of a problem that is admitted to look serious both to cotton growers here and to the buyers on the Continent.

COTTON REPORT.

Total Supply for the Year Ended Aug. 31 Was 11,985,954 Running Bales.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—The Census Bureau to-day issued a cotton report showing the total supply for the year ended August 31, 1910, to have been 11,985,954 running bales, made up as follows: stocks at beginning of year, 1,483,585; ginnings, 10,350,078; imports, 151,362 bales.

The distribution is 6,339,028 bales exported, 4,707,127 bales consumed; stocks at close of year, 939,968 pieces, of which 21,765 were held in cotton gins, and 917,203 elsewhere.

The number of active ginnaries was 28,349,067, of which 16,826,829 were in cotton growing States and 17,522,236 in all other States.

MINT TO BEGIN THE COINAGE OF GOLD.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—Within a few days the Philadelphia Mint will begin once more the coining of gold. At present the mint is turning out 700,000 cents a day. Few of the pennies ever come back. They roll into cracks, are laid on car tracks to be flattened, swallowed by cabbages or otherwise disappear.

Gen. Smith and Col. Bates Made Members of State Militia Council.

ALBANY, Sept. 26.—Brig.-Gen. George Moore Smith, commandant of the First Brigade, and Col. William G. Bates, commandant of the Seventy-first Regiment, New York city, were to-day appointed by Gov. Hughes, on the recommendation of the State Militia Council, to be members of the state militia council taking the term of adj'tg. Gen. James W. Verbeek, who is a member of the council by virtue of his present office. This term will expire in June next. Col. Bates is named in place of Brig.-Gen. James H. Lloyd, commandant of the Third Brigade.

If Gov. Hughes is appointed Chief Justice it will leave two vacancies in the bench, as Justice Moody has already announced his intention of retiring.

The discussion of the Supreme Court appointment was the most interesting feature of the adj'tg. council session at the White House.

In addition to the Supreme Court matter, however, the President had each of his official advisers report to him and the other members of the Cabinet the developments that had occurred during the summer in his department. These reports were largely of a routine character.

The Ballinger case did not come formally before the Cabinet, but as a result of the gathering of Mr. Taft and his official advisers there is no longer any doubt of the decision to be taken in this matter.

Mr. Taft would not accept Secretary Ballinger's resignation now if it were offered to him.

The President intends to stand steadfastly by his Secretary of the Interior, even if it jeopardizes his own political future. He has no desire to see that the majority members of the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee are left to stand by Secretary Ballinger to the end, there have been many reports that the Secretary would resign if he were returned against the corporation.

In the case of the beer trust indictment was returned against the corporation, and the trial of the officers was adjourned to a date in October.

The President's attitude, as his advisers outline it, since his return to Washington, is that he has satisfied himself that Ballinger is the victim of a conspiracy and that it is time for the President to show to the American people that an official cannot be bounded out of office unless the facts warrant it and a case is made out for his removal.

Mr. Taft's friends have never doubted that he intended to stand by Secretary Ballinger to the end, there have been many reports that the Secretary would resign if he were returned against the corporation.

As a consequence we all acknowledge that our stocks are not so large nor so full as is usual at this season. We haven't been able to get the suits. And the increased price to us is of course reflected in the price to the ultimate consumer. Thus, it appears on the average, that our price is up, though the new price for similar goods have been.

"The ladies do not like it. They do not like either the increased cost or the incomplete assortments, yet when the sales girls tell them the whole story they have for the most part taken the matter philosophically and the customers cannot refrain from saying that it seems strange, inasmuch as before they have always been able to get what they wanted in New York at this time of year.

At New York we think will fare a little better than the distant cities as having the first call on the goods turned out.

We really look for full stocks within about another week, but as to prices they must sustain the advance made for some of the afternoon papers yesterday about the destruction by Roosevelt's speeches of the foreign market for American bonds. He had not read Roosevelt's speeches, he said, and when the reporters met him he declined to discuss political matters.

Woman Killed on Elevated Was Mrs. Kaelke.

The body of the woman who was killed by a third avenue elevated train at the Seventy-sixth street station last Tuesday was identified yesterday at the Morgue as that of Mrs. Margaret Kaelke, the wife of Rudolph Kaelke, a farmer of Monticello, N. Y. The identification was made by her daughter, Mrs. Marie Reddel of East Monticello. According to Mrs. Reddel, Mrs. Kaelke was the victim of severe attacks of rheumatism and she believed she must have fallen from the elevated platform in a faint. Mrs. Kaelke was 43 years old. Formerly she and her husband lived at Central Islip, L. I.

President Brown Says He Was Misquoted.

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Woman's Sister's Examination Put Off.

The inquiry as to the sanity of Mrs. Caroline B. Martin, who is a prisoner in the Newark jail with her sister, Mrs. Mary W. Snod, awaiting trial for the murder of Obey W. M. Potts, was put over for two weeks by Judge Ten Eyck yesterday because Chandler W. Riker, one of the lawyers engaged to defend Mrs. Martin and her sister, will be absent from the White House to-morrow.

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